Serial No. 09/523,350 April 23, 2002 Page 2

plurality of flattened-ring compact bodies;

arranging the plurality of flattened-ring compact bodies ad acently so that axes of the flattened through-holes are vertically arranged; and

firing the flattened-ring compact bodies while the powder is interposed between the adjacent flattened-ring compact bodies.

5. The method according to claim 3, wherein after the plurality of flattened-ring compact bodies are stacked on each other in a vertical direction, the plurality of flattened-ring compact bodies are arranged so that the axes of the flattened throughholes are vertically arranged while maintaining the stacked state and a bar is attached to each of a pair of sides of the stacked flattened-ring compact bodies.

1)1. A method of firing magnetic cores comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of thin compact bodies made of a magnetic material and having flattened through holes;

attaching a powder made of an organic powder to an outer surface of the plurality of thin compact bodies;

vertically arranging the plurality of thin compact bodies adjacently; and firing the thin compact bodies while the powder is interposed between the adjacent thin compact bodies.

- 12. The method according to claim 11, wherein the step of arranging includes arranging the plurality of thin compact bodies in a plurality of rows that are adjacent to each other.
- 13. The method according to claim 11, wherein before the step of attaching powder, the plurality of thin compact bodies are arranged so that [the] axes of the flattened-through holes are horizontally arranged.

15. The method according to claim 14, wherein after the plurality of thin

5¹⁰

Serial No. 09/523,350 April 23, 2002 Page 3

500 C1 compact bodies are stacked on each other in a vertical stacking direction, the plurality of thin compact bodies are arranged so that axes of the flattened through-inoles are vertically arranged while maintaining the stacked state and a bar is attached to each of a pair of sides of the stacked thin compact bodies.